

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD APRIL 4, 2023**

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9:58 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper.

**Present:** Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmembers Jenny Brown Short, Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen, and Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

**Absent:**

**Invocation**      Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker

**Pledge of Allegiance:**      Fire Chief Dante Fields

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting March 21, 2023, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider amendments to the agenda.** There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

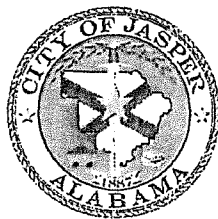
Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Present a Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month.** Mayor O'Mary read the proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention proclaiming April Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month in Jasper, and presented it to Johnny Sudberry, Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Walker County.

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# PROCLAMATION

*Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama*

*WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and*

*WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and*

*WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and*

*WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and*

*WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, as well as risky behavior such as smoking; and*

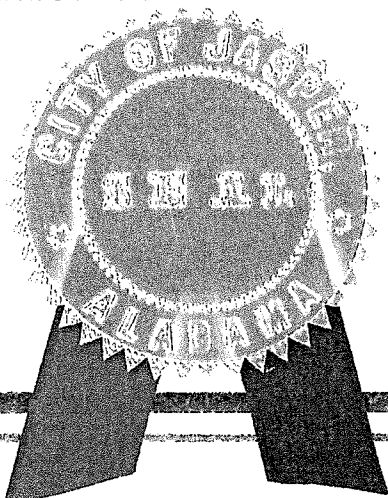
*WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and*

*WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service organizations, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, David P. O'Mary, Mayor of the city of Jasper, Alabama and on behalf of the Jasper City Council do hereby proclaim April 2023, as*

## **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

*in our city in support of the Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and The Children's Trust Fund.*



*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.*

*David P. O'Mary, Mayor*

*Attest: Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk*

**Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Lounge Retail Liquor License (for on premises consumption) for Big Daddy Ts LLC located at 2004 Birmingham Ave.** Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve a Lounge Retail Liquor License (for on premises consumption) for Big Daddy TS LLC located at 2004 Birmingham Ave.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider a request for approval of travel for Officer Cody Harbin to attend firearm instructor school April 2 – 7, 2023, and April 9 – 14, 2023, in Locust Grove, GA.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve travel for Officer Cody Harbin to attend firearm instructor school April 2 – 7, 2023, and April 9 – 14, 2023, in Locust Grove, GA.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider a request to accept \$3,300.00 in grant funds from the Swimming Saves Live Foundation.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Short to accept \$3,300.00 in grant funds from the Swimming Saves Live Foundation.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider the reappointment of Jack Allen to the Walker County Board of Equalization.** Mayor O'Mary submitted the name for reappointment/renomination to the Walker County Board of Equalization.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to renominate Jack Allen to the Walker County Board of Equalization.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider a request for permission to send bids for the following:**

- a. **Physician Services**
- b. **Baseball & Softball Officials**
- c. **Basketball Officials**
- d. **Volleyball Officials**
- e. **Concrete Ready Mix**
- f. **Grounds Maintenance for North Jasper Park**
- g. **Portable Toilets**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve a request for permission to send out bid invitations for physician services, baseball and softball officials, basketball officials, volleyball officials, concrete ready mix, grounds maintenance for North Jasper Park, and portable toilets.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider a request to renew the contract for dual wall polyethylene pipe under the same terms and pricing.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to renew the contract for dual wall polyethylene pipe with J&G Culverts under the same terms and pricing.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Receive report and consider a recommendation for pool chemicals.****Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent, and based on her recommendation, award the contract to Anders Pool and Spa Company, the lowest responsible bidder.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 – 24**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Pool Chemicals.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

**BIDDER****AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL**

- Anders Pool and Spa Company
- Leslie's Poolmart, Inc.

Per Bid

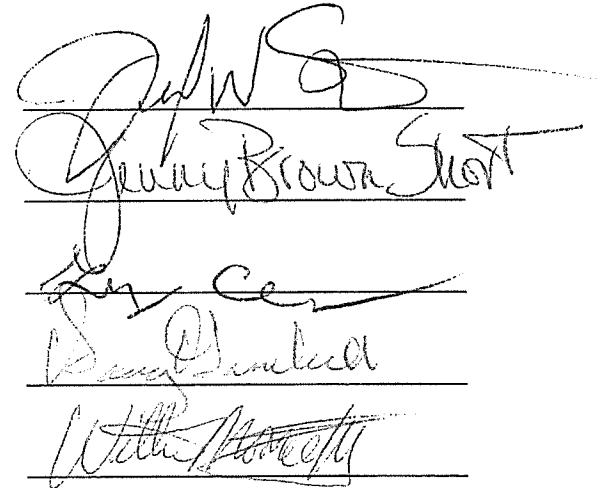
Per Bid

**AND, WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the bid for Pool Chemicals be awarded to Anders Pool and Spa Company in the amount of per bid.

**ADOPTED THIS THE** 4th **DAY OF** April, 2023.

**ATTEST:**



**Consider authorizing a Councilmember to vote at the Alabama League of Municipalities' Annual Business Meeting of the League on May 12, 2023.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to authorize Councilmember Smith to vote at the Alabama League of Municipalities' Annual Business Meeting of the League on May 12, 2023.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2022/2023-11.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2022/2023-11.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-12.** The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes



**Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an unsafe structure.****Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an unsafe structure.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

(See following pages)

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 – 25**

**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for unsafe structure exists at:

1. 1807 Jones Dairy Rd, Bobby & Edna Jean Hyde, District One

pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

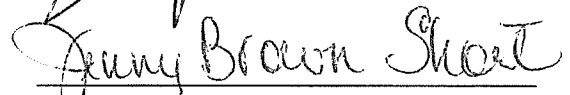
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

**DONE** this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.



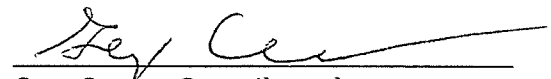
Jennifer W. Smith Presiding Officer



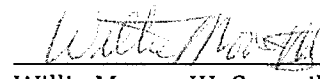
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember



Gary Cowen, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 - 26**

**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for grass/weeds exists at:

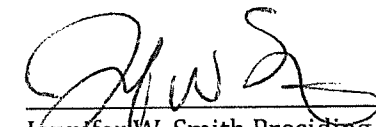
1. 811 Skyland St, Brian Gann, District One
2. 911 Airport Rd S, Sandra Wright, District One


pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

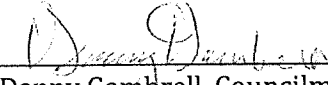
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

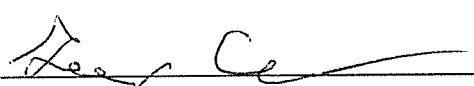
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.


**DONE** this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
Jennifer W. Smith Presiding Officer


  
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

  
Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
Gary Cowen, Councilmember

  
Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Conduct a public hearing concerning economic development assistance and consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O'Mary to execute the agreement to provide economic development assistance for Overland Development, LLC.** After a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to grant economic development assistance to Overland Development, LLC.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

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**Comments:** Mayor recognized visiting mayors present at the council meeting - Jeremy Pate, mayor of Cordova, and Terry Burgett, mayor of Nauvoo. He thanked them for visiting. Mayor also talked briefly about the city's finances as we move into the second half of the fiscal year.

Councilmember Moore announced that Kight Jones will be in Jasper tomorrow morning at 10:00 am and invited Councilmembers to come by if they would like to.

Councilmember Smith briefly spoke to the visiting mayors about the Alabama League of Municipalities.

J.T. Chapman addressed the council about World System Builders. They conduct free workshops to teach financial literacy. He invited mayor and the council to help spread the word about the workshops.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

10:25 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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